George Shelley S.M.

LONDON.

G. Buckham ad vivum delin: et sculp. 1709.

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Natural Writing

in all the hands, with variety of ornament,

By George Shelley

At the Hand and Pen, in Warwick Lane,

G. Bickham ~ LONDON. ~ *Sculpsit.*

To the READER.

I Shan't trouble you with a long Story of the many Importunities I met with to Publiſh ſomething of this Kind, or of the extraordinary Difficulty I had in bringing a Graver to Imitate Free Natural Writing, or how much his IMITATION falls ſhort of my ORIGINALS. This were to play an old Game, and ſuppoſe you of eaſy Belief. I'll therefore content my ſelf in letting you know, that after I had finiſh'd ſeveral Pieces of the Round-Hand and Round-Text, I view'd them with ſome Satisfaction: But conſidering how natural it is for a Man to be fond of his own Performance, I thought it proper to take the Judgment of ſome of the beſt Maſters of my Profeſſion; and accordingly I firſt ſent 'em to Mr. *Sinclare*, who I know is as far from fearing any Man's Diſpleaſure in ſaying what he thinks, as he is from ſuffering me to tell the World how great an Opinion I ever had of his Judgment. He return'd the Pieces with the following Letter, which gave me great Encouragement. I ſhew'd them to Five other eminent Pen-men, who were equally pleas'd, and willing the World ſhou'd know their Opinion; which diſcover'd an extraordinary Generoſity and Love to the Art, moſt of 'em having publiſh'd ſomething of the ſame Kind with good Succeſs.

G. Shelley.

To Mr. GEORGE SHELLEY, *at the* Hand *and* Pen
in Warwick-Lane, London.

SIR,

I Receiv'd your Letter, with thoſe Pieces of the Round-Hand and Round-Text, of which you deſire my Opinion. In common Juſtice to the Performance I'm oblig'd to anſwer, I think 'em the beſt that have been yet Publiſh'd in England, *or any other Part of* Europe. *And I perſuade my ſelf that the ſame Modeſty, and Diſtruſt of your ſelf, that mov'd you to ask my Opinion, will never ſuffer you to Publiſh any thing but what the World will be oblig'd to thank you for. There are indeed Two ſorts of Men that can't be pleas'd, the Ignorant and the Envious; the firſt diſcern no Beauty, and the ſecond ſee juſt enough to torment 'em: If either of theſe find fault, it ſerves rather to recommend the Book than hurt it. I have return'd the Pieces, and wiſh you wou'd ſhow 'em Three or Four of the beſt Maſters, and if their Judgment correſpond with mine, you are at liberty to make what Uſe you pleaſe of this. I am,*

SIR,

Your Humble Servant,

March 30. 1709.

John Sinclare.

Mr. SHELLEY's Unneceſſary Diſtruſt of himſelf, having mov'd him to requeſt our Judgment of ſeveral of the following Pieces of Round-Hand and Round-Text; We, in common Juſtice to his Performance, Recommend them as the beſt yet Publiſh'd.

JOHN SMITH, *THO. OLLYFFE,*

T. BASTON,

RALPH SNOW, *ROBERT MORE.*

To the Hon.ble the Governor Deputy-Governor and Directors of the Bank of England

To Sr Gilbert Heathcote K.t and Ald.n Governor.
Nathaniel Gould Esq Deputy-Governor.

SIR James Bateman, *Kt. & Ald.*
Mr. Gerard Conyers.
Josiah Diston, *Esq;*
Mr. John De Vinek.
Mr. James Dolliffe.
Mr. John Emilie.
Mr. John Gould.
Sir William Hodges, *Bar.*
Sir John Houblon, *Kt. & Ald.*
Sir Theodore Janssen, *Kt.*
Samuel Lethieullier, *Esq;*
Sir Charles Peers, *Kt. & Ald.*
John Rudge, *Esq;*
Sir William Scawen, *Kt.*
John Smith, *Esq; of B. Buildings.*
John Ward, *Esq; Ald.*
William Des Bouverie, *Esq;*
Mr. Peter Delme.
Mr. William Dawsonne.
Francis Eyles, *Esq;*
William Gore, *Esq;*
Mr. John Hanger.
Thomas Scawen, *Esq;*
Mr. John Shipman.

Your Honours having from an Exact Judgment made choice of the most Accomplish'd Penmen and Accountants in Europe, induc'd me to believe y this peice of Penmanship might be favour'd with yo.r Acceptance: Especialy Since the Greatest Masters of my Profession have readily allow'd it to be y best yet Publish'd. And as I hope you'l pardon the Liberty I have taken in prefixeng your Names to it; So you'l permit me to tell the World howmuch I wish the Bank of England may be always under the Conduct of such Governors & Directors, whose uncomon Zeal to her Majesties Government and the Protestant Interest, has not only surpriz'd, but discourag'd the Enemies of Both.

Yo.r Hono.rs most Obed.t & very hum.ble Serv.t

George Shelley.

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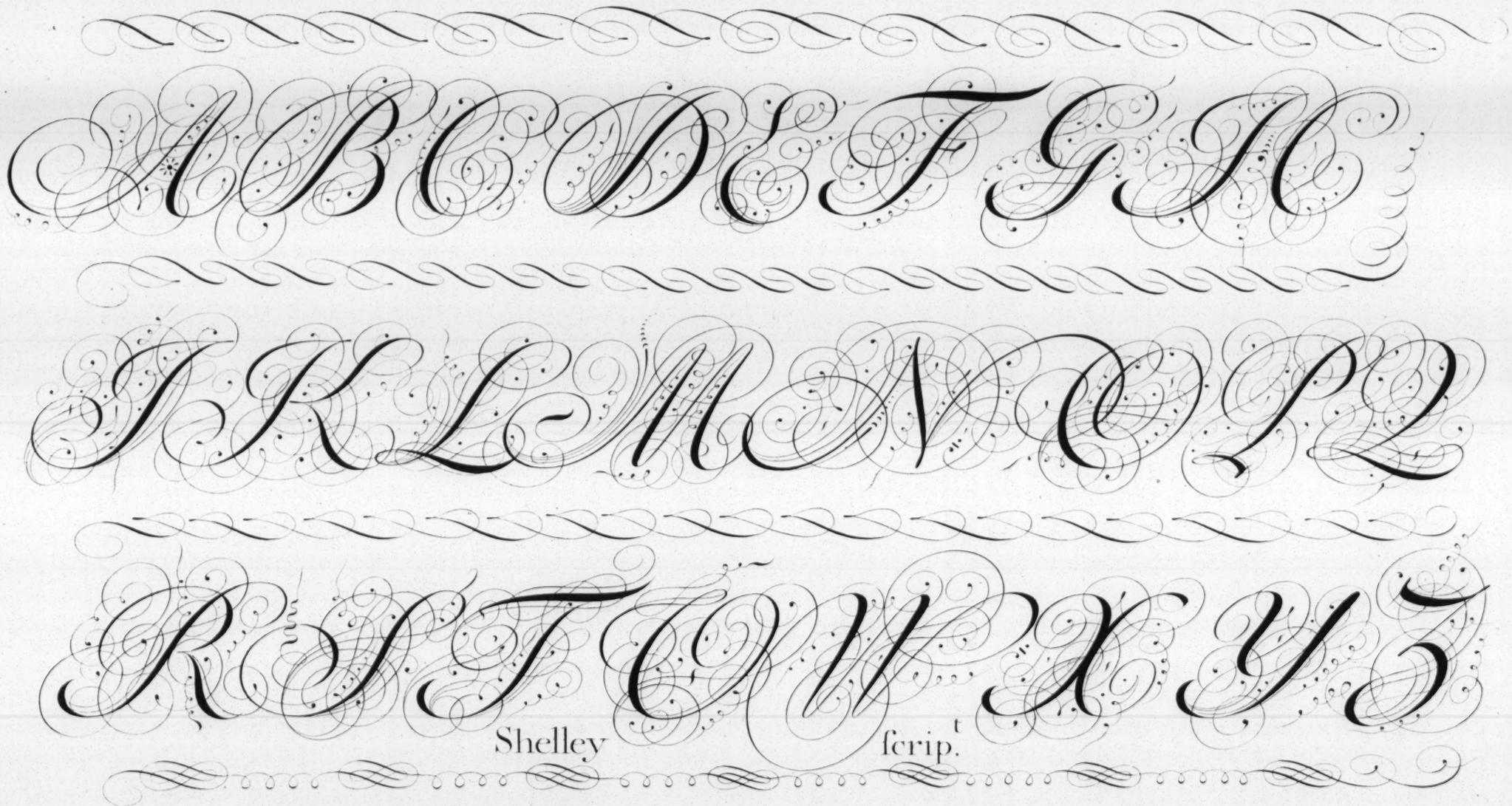

Shelley fcrip.t

There is nothing
so Excellent but
Detraction will
find some fault

Shelley scr. 1v.th

No summer but it has a winter.
He never reap'd comfort in his
Adversity, ay sow'd it not in his

Prosperity.

Shelly. wt.

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Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz.

Fear nothing, but w. thy industry
can't prevent: be confident of no-
thing, but w. fortune can't defeat.

The avaricious man is naturally
ungrateful for he never thinks
he has enough, but without con-
sidering w.th he has minds w.th he wants.

Shelly sct.

Simple vices are cured by Simple
Councils; but a general dissolution
of manners is extream hard to Overcome.

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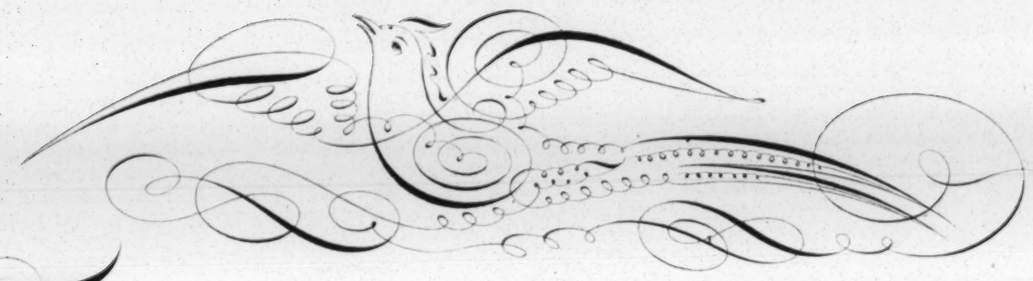
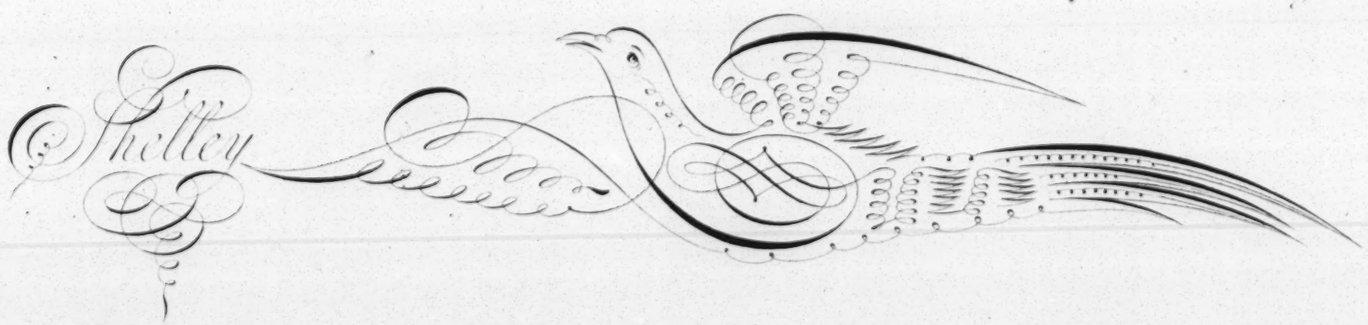


There is nothing more certain than
Death; nothing more uncertain than
the time of dying: I will therefore always
be prepar'd for y^t which may come ab...
any time.



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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Nature bids me Love my self, and hate all that hurt me; Reason bids me Love my freinds, and hate those that envy me; Religion bids me Love all, and hate none; & overcome evill w.th good.

a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

Among all the Inventions of mankind, none is like y
of Writing, by which a pezson may delineate his very
thoughts, communicate his mind without speaking,
& correspond with a Friend at the greatest Distance.-

Shelly

Octob. 30
1708.

A B C D E F G H I K L K L M O

M C N O L P Q R R S T U W X Y Z

Mony is both the generation and corruption of purchas'd
honour; honour is both the child and slave of potent mony;
the credit that honour has lost, mony has found; w^n honour
grew mercenary, mony grew honourable: therefore contemn
both. —

Shelley

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Abundance is a trouble, Want a misery, Honour's a
Burthen, Base ends a scorn, Disgrace odius, and
Advancement dangerous, only a Competent Estate
yields Contentment. I will not Climb lest I fall.

Shelly

Scr.

Fugienda est pecunia cupiditas; nihil enim est tam
Angusti animi, tamq; parvi, quam amare divitias;
nihil honestius, magnificentiusq; quam Pecuniam
Contemnere si non habes; si habes, ad Liberalitatem
conferre.

Shelley

Novembr. d. 2. 1708

No Man knows himself, or understands his own condition;
but by Comparison & upon Experience; Our wishes &
Desires are Mortal to us, and the very granting us our
Prayers, would but serve to make us more Miserable.

Shelley

Par le Peche mortel nous meritons la mort temporelle aussi bien que l'Eternalle donc quand Dieu nous le remet, il nous redonne la Vie qui luy estoit confisquee et dorenavent vous &c

Liberis tamquam rei immortalitati proxima hoc debemus, quod consulere aliis possumus, eloris q tam prudentia quam sapientia muneribus uti, et Posteritati prospicere.

Fugienda est pecuniæ cupiditas; nihil enim est tam angusti animi, tamque parvi, quam amare Divitias, nihil honestius, quam Contemnere.

Shelly.

Faites Commendement au S. de Rommainqueux de poursuivre au nom de Bonaventure de Pommiroux Mr Jerome de Taucouville de cinquante et quinze Livres tourn que le S.r de Pommeroux luy a prestè pour luy servir

Let your Recreations be sport and diverting, such as may rather fit you for Buisness,
than rob you of time. He that makes Buisness a Recreation, gains Reputation.

There must be a constancy in all conditions, a care for the things of this world, but without
trouble, and such an Indifferency for the Bounties of Fortune, so that with them,
or without them, we may live contentedly: the great Blessings of mankind are within us.

Nothing goes nearer a person in his troubles,
than to see himself undone by his own folly.

Shelly.

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Shelley Scrip.

French Cannon

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Arithmetic &c

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Shelley

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So long as Wickedneſs was ſimple,

Simple Remedies were Sufficient

Shelley Scrip.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T V O W X Y Z.

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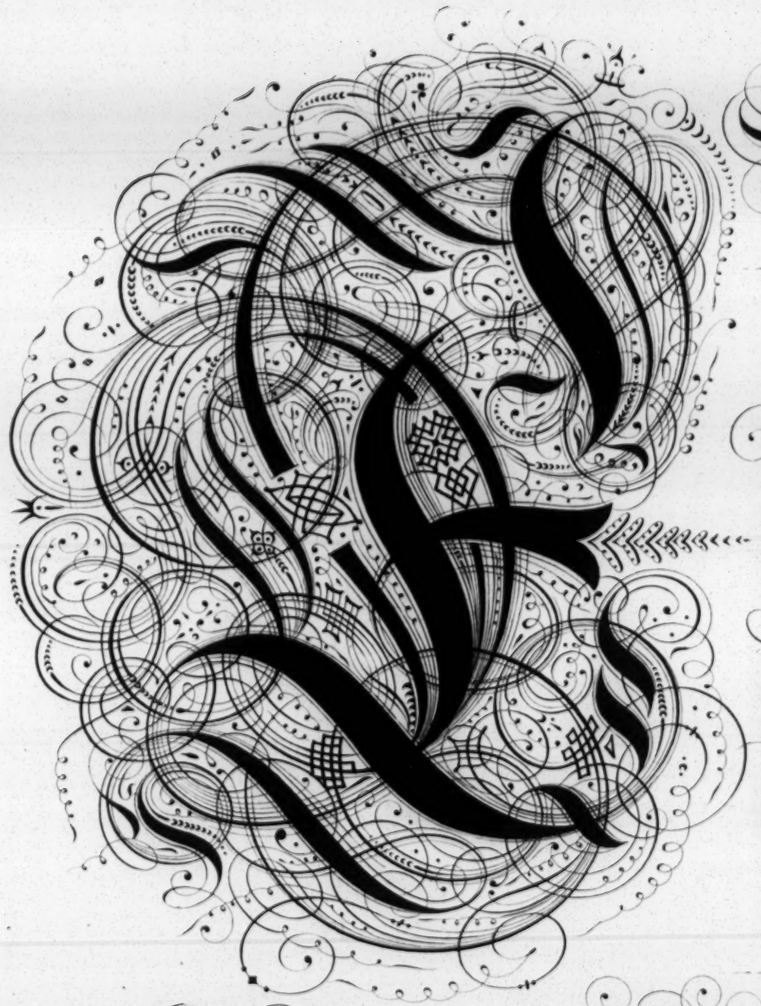

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And whereas by Indenture of assignment, that
bears date on or about the Sixteenth day of January, in
the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
six, made between the said Samuel Compton of the one

I will not very much commend others to themselves nor commend my self to other persons.

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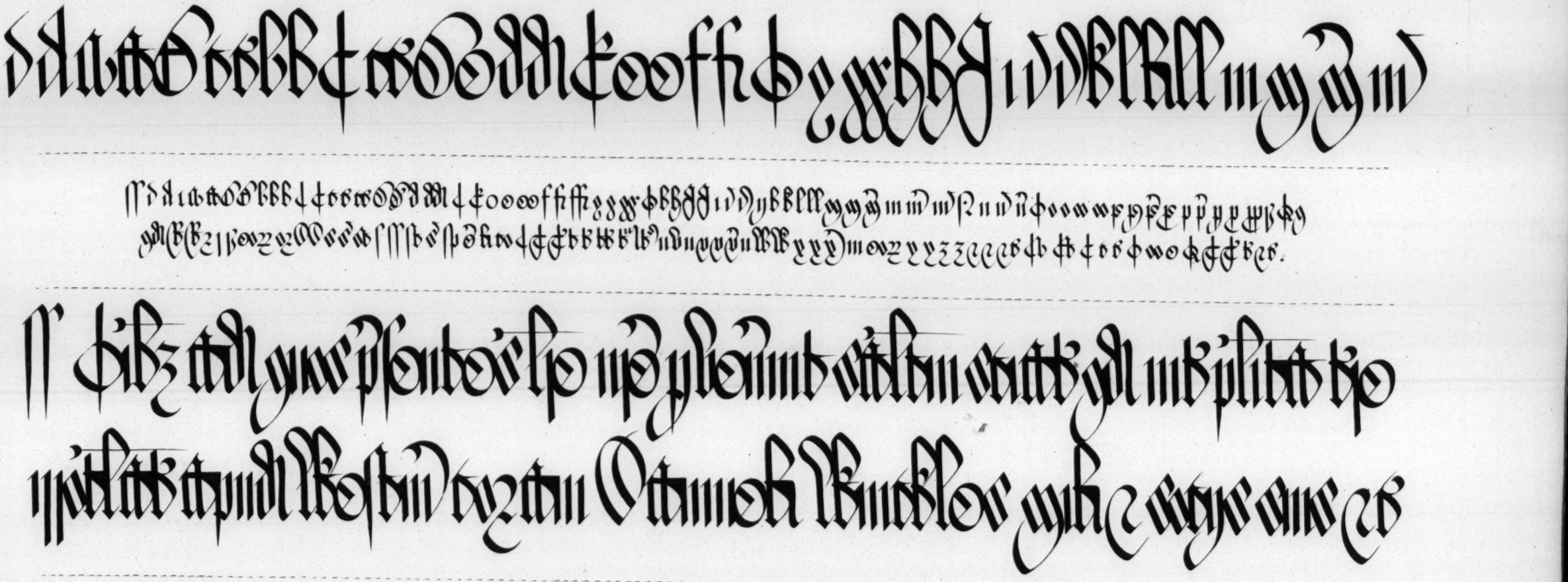

Shelley Script.

Where Life and Ornament Together Start,
And Nature Smiles in FLOURISHES of Art;
Loos as ye CURLING Tendrils of the Vine
All FANCY's Wanton Play yet all Correct DESIGN.

Shelley

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